

FROM WASHINGTON.

IMPORTANT WAR DEPARTMENT ORDERS.

DISMISSES FROM THE ARMY.

OPINIONS UPON CLAIMS FOR EXEMPTION.

The Mortality Among Our Troops.

Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Sept. 3, 1863.

THE RECONNAISSANCE TO LEESBURG.

The credit of the reconnaissance to Leesburg recorded in our columns in Wednesday's paper, belongs to "Scott's 900," and not to Col. Baker's Rangers, inasmuch as Lieut. Burgess and the thirty men are connected with the former and not with the latter command.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The receipts for internal revenue for August amount to \$6,004,291.35, an increase over the receipts for July.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The letter by the President to the Springfield Convention has been the universal theme of comment to-day. It gives the utmost satisfaction to all loyal men here, and is generally regarded as being the right words spoken at the right time.

ACTING SURGEON-GENERAL.

Surgeon Joseph R. Smith, detailed as Acting Surgeon-General in place of Dr. Hammond, ordered on a tour of inspection to New Orleans, has been relieved and directed to report to Assistant Surgeon-General Wood at St. Louis. The Secretary of War has detailed Medical Inspector-General J. K. Barnes as Acting Surgeon-General.

THE MORTALITY IN DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS.

A table is being prepared in the Surgeon-General's office showing the degrees of mortality among white troops of the different military departments.

THE SUBSTITUTION OF FLAX AND HEMP FOR COTTON.

The Commissioners of Agriculture having appointed the Hon. J. K. Mervine of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. John A. Mendenhall of Cincinnati, and Wm. M. Bailey of Providence, R. I., as Commissioners to investigate the practicability of substituting flax and hemp for cotton. The resolution of Congress appropriating \$200,000 for the purpose—the Commissioners commenced their labors this morning in this city.

THE CASE OF CAPT. HOWLAND.

The case of Capt. Howland was concluded before the Court-Martial to-day. The accused made a statement to the Commissioner admitting his guilt, but denied injury on the ground of his previous executive experience and the fact that he left with the money without premeditation while unexposed, which facts were in proof. The punishment provided by the law for embezzlement is to be cashiered and compelled to refund the money. In addition to embezzlement, Capt. Howland deserted to Canada. The sentence is not known, but must be very severe.

THE CASE OF THE S.P.T.

In the case of Stewart, alias Cochran, the Confederate prisoner named Albert Simmons testified to the Commission's movements in Washington before his arrest, as he was walking with a quantity of medical instruments and other articles for the Confederate Government, intending to run the blockade. This case has been concluded and postponed to Monday for trial again.

QUARTERMASTER-MERGE.

The report in a contemporary that Quartermaster-Merge has been relieved from office is untrue. Gen. Merge was ordered on a tour of inspection in the Army of the Potomac, and returned to the city last evening. He will soon be ordered on a tour of inspection in the Department of the South and West. Gen. Merge represents the Army of the Potomac in executive condition and inspects.

THE UNITED STATES FRIGATE RICHMOND.

The Navy Department has issued orders to have the United States frigate Richmond completed and ready for sea in ten days. This vessel returned some time since from the Mississippi Squadron, where she saw a good deal of active service, but Secretary Welles thinks that the navy cannot afford to do without her at present.

WAS IT A DONATION?

The following was found written upon the back of a \$200 note sent into the Treasury for redemption: "This bill was paid for one plate of ice cream in Jersey City, as a gift for the benefit of sick and wounded soldiers." J. A. G. Sept. 4, 1863.

Quo—How much change did J. A. get? If he did not receive any, then who is J. A.?

AN ISLAND RESERVED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

At the suggestion of the United States Engineers the President has directed the Commissioner of the General Land Office to reserve from sale for military purposes San Island, located at the entrance of the Columbia river, Oregon, and midway between the territories of Oregon and Columbia.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE BUSINESS.

Returns to the General Land Office show that 30,000 acres of public lands in Washington Territory and Vancouver Districts were taken during the month of July last for cash and on homestead grants. The Commissioner has also received the surveys of two plots containing 40,000 acres in the Colorado District, which are now ready for entry and sale. Patents are being prepared and will soon be issued to the Grant Grove Company, Kansas, under the recent decision of the Secretary of the Interior in favor of that Corporation, as reported in THE TRIBUNE.

THE EXPEDITION TO DESTROY THE SATELLITE AND RELIANCE.

The Expedition, comprising a portion of the Potomac Flotilla, under Commodore Harwood of the Washington Navy-Yard, sent to retake or destroy the captured gunboats Satellite and Reliance, returned to-day. They were unable, in consequence of the low stage of water, to proceed further than Tappahannock, while the gunboats were supposed to be at Port Royal or above. The destruction of the boats was effected, however, by Kilpatrick's Cavalry, an account of which is furnished by your ARMY Correspondent.

RAID BY LEELA CAVALRY.

It is reported that a body of Rebel cavalry crossed the Potomac yesterday at Edward's Ferry and captured 30 miles between that place and Muddy Branch. Another report that a regiment of cavalry and three field pieces had crossed at the Ferry is probably an exaggeration of the facts.

ADMIRAL OF MILITARY MEN.

Major-Gen. Schurz, and Gen. Williams, Assistant Adjutant General of the Army of the Potomac, arrived in town last night. Gen. Schurz is on sick leave and goes to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Capt. Eric Thompson, of Philadelphia, A. A. G. to Gen.

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Schurz also arrived, on his way home, having resigned his commission in consequence of illness in his family.

WAR GAZETTE.

GENERAL ANDERSON ASSIGNED TO DUTY.

Brig.-Gen. Robert Anderson, U. S. A., has

been assigned to the command of the Depot for Volunteers at Newport. This assignment to duty of the hero

of Fort Sumter, is noticeable as having been made

at the same time that the redoubtable fort, which he so nobly defended two years and a half ago, succumbed to the persuasive eloquence of Gen. Gillmore's batteries.

GEN. ST. GEORGE COOKE.

Brig.-Gen. St. George Cooke, U. S. A., whom we reported as having been summoned before the Retiring Board, has been examined and found fit for active service. Therefore he has not been retired.

PREMIUM FOR COLORRED RECRUITS.

It is ordered that the premium of \$2 paid for accept-

ed recruits for the Regular Army and Volunteers shall

also be paid for accepted colored recruits. The recruit himself is entitled to this premium, if he presents himself to the recruiting officer.

ORDERED TO FORT HAMILTON.

Capt. Matthew M. Blunt, 12th U. S. Infantry, will take command of the Regimental Depot at Fort Hamilton, vice Major Bowen, ordered to the field.

OFFICERS RETIRED.

The following officers are placed on the retired list, in accordance with the recommendation of the Army Retiring Board: Lieut.-Col. William Chapman, 3d Infantry; Capt. William H. Pease, 7th Infantry; First Lieut. James M. Brown, 7th Infantry.

SENT TO THE OLD CAPITOL.

William Newby, late Major of the 6th New-York State Militia, has been arrested and lodged in the Old Capitol for presenting fraudulent accounts against the United States.

OLD SOLDIER PERMITTED TO ENLIST IN VOLUNTEER REGIMENTS.

The old soldiers belonging to the Missouri State Militia are permitted to enlist in volunteer regiments, by special order.

AN IMMORAL LEGISLATOR.

Maj. Henry A. White of the 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry, who has been dismissed from the service for drunkenness, conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, breach of arrest, and absence without authority, was formerly a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

DEMISSALS FROM THE ARMY.

The following dismissals from the army have been taken place during the week ending Aug. 29, 1863:

Major A. W. Fouger, medical Paymaster, U. S. A., for incompetency, brawling and improper personal behavior; and Lieut. John C. Clegg, 1st U. S. Cavalry, for desertion.

Capt. John C. Conner, 1st U. S. Cavalry, for desertion; and Lieut. John C. Clegg, 1st U. S. Cavalry, for desertion.

Col. N. W. Brooks, and First Lieut. and Adjt. E. J. French, 5th Regular Infantry Corps; Maj. J. M. Moore, and Adjt. E. J. French, 12th U. S. Cavalry, dismissed as failing to do their duty to their country.

Capt. Thomas M. Bryan, 1st U. S. Cavalry, for desertion; and Lieut. John C. Clegg, 1st U. S. Cavalry, for desertion.

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